

# MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, INC.

## NEWSLETTER

### FUND-RAISING, NEW MEMBERS ARE KEYS TO ULTIMATE GOALS OF MTM!

Have you ever tried to sell cookies door-to-door? Have you ever held a raffle or shoveled all the walks in the neighborhood to raise money?

It's something like that to raise money for a full-fledged Minnesota Transportation Museum, it seems. We have been organized as an interested group of people seeking to establish a lasting memorial to the important transportation systems and vehicles which helped to develop this part of America. We can't proceed without (1) more money, and (2) more museum members.

It's possible to have one without the other, too. There are numerous trust funds in the area which are dedicated to the advancement of education, one of primary objectives of our museum. There are interested people who are not members of MTM, and who probably never will be, who would wish that some of their fortune be spent on a project of this type....BUT, we need to HAVE A MASTER PLAN before we can even approach these people and these organizations with "our hands out."

What are the specific goals of the MTM? What should our museum look like? How much would it cost? Should it have a paid director-curator? Or are we really that ambitious?

More members would help with broader interest, more manpower, more ideas. But we have fewer members now than we had three years ago. We're sort of sitting on dead center.

What are your ideas on the MTM of the future? Let's think about it, Let's talk about this and above all, let's DO something about it!

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### NEW DEPOT BROCHURE IN THE WORKS.

Ron Middlesteadt has a good basic format developed for the information handout on the Minnehaha Depot. It should be off the press sometime this spring.

NOTED AREA ARTIST (FORMER DM&IR FIREMAN) TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT MARCH 20 MEETING. F.L. Jaques, who now makes his livelihood as an artist, will reminisce with us about the famous days of steam on the Duluth, Mesabi & Iron Range RR at the upcoming general membership meeting Sunday, March 20, in the Weyerhaeuser Room of Minnesota Historical Society Building in St. Paul.

Mr. Jaques was once a fireman on the old North Shore area steam engines of the legendary heavyweight rail line. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., and we strongly urge you to attend.

There will be a regular business meeting as part of the program with a number of important items on the agenda, according to President George Isaacs.

As a special treat, Mr. Jaques will bring along some of his own fine paintings of steam locomotives. (Nowadays he is better known for his outstanding illustrations of wildlife.

Let's have a wonderful turnout for this meeting! This can only happen if YOU are there.

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ALL INCUMBENTS UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED FOR 1966 AT ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY. The annual election of officers produced the same slate for 1966 as in 1965, and all the "incumbents" were unanimously re-elected. They are, President George Isaacs, Executive Vice Pres. Byron Olsen, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Frank Sandberg, Jr., and Vice Presidents Jim Bertrand (Operations), Mike Mackmer (Traffic), Ron Middlesteadt (Public Education), and Jim Harrison (Public Relations).

A recent meeting of the board was spent in discussing budget proposals for museum operations for the coming year.

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WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN MTM? ASK FOR AN APPLICATION BLANK AT THE NEXT MEETING.

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